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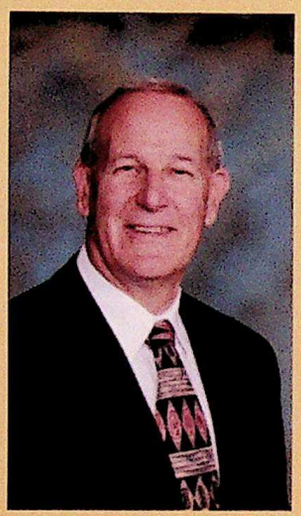
PRINCIPAL *Ken LeLacheur*



Highlands 2012 – 2013 Principal's Address

Back in September of this year, at the very first assembly, we talked about making this year the "BEST YEAR EVER!" And it was! Our two grade nine classes – 9L and 9K, were the source of much learning, and fun! Our noisy grade eights and huge grade seven class (36 students) were able to learn and have fun as well.

Spirit Weeks were quite popular, giving students (and staff) a chance to dress up in different clothes or hats. One of the big shows of Spirit was the making of the "Highlands Shake".
Field trips and other activities in and around the school made learning fun. Field trips like the week at the University of Alberta (U School) for both of our grade nine classes. The student leadership day at the Our Lady Queen of Peace Ranch for grade 7 and 8 students. The Go Girl Conference at the Commonwealth Recreation Centre, and the All-Boys Day hosted at Highlands. The CEEDs trips to TELUS World of Science and other places. Everyone took part in the annual Christmas Dinner, and the 10th Annual Highlands Young Readers Conference. We did something completely different in taking part in a student conference "Dare to Stand Out" at Lawton. Some students took part in Highlands Heroes activity days and spent the day at Millennium Place. The options got involved in Field Trips – Archery, Film studies, and Art studios. Even the teachers got into the swing of things with a Field Trip of their own. While the students enjoyed no classes on PD Day, the staff members had a bus trip to Banff for an exciting teachers' conference that was enjoyed by all.

The grade nine classes got to see some good examples of the construction industry in Edmonton by visiting Supreme Steel and Landmark Homes, and then they did science outdoors as they traveled down the North Saskatchewan River on Riverwatch. And of course the grade nine celebration that was held at the Beverly Heights Community Centre was a great success.

Our sports teams competed in Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball (City Silver Medalists), Wrestling (including City and Provincial champions), Badminton, Track & Field and Slowpitch.

The Awards Day at the end of classes allowed us to show off the achievements and talents of our students in a variety of academic, athletic and arts areas.

Special thanks need to be given to Mr. Lindskoog and Ms. Sabourin who worked tirelessly to assemble, create and publish this yearbook as a remembrance of 2012 – 2013 at Highlands.

I write this final message with a certain amount of sadness, knowing that I am retiring from Edmonton Public Schools after a thirty-eight year career. I will not be a direct part of Learning with Respect, Responsibility, Pride at Highlands School but will carry with me many, many positive memories of my twelve years in total at Highlands, and I hope you do as well.

Ken LeLacheur, Principal and the staff at Highlands School.

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A Brief History of Highlands School

When we look at the magnificent brick building that is Highlands School, we may have a hard time believing that the original Highlands Schools (yes, there was more than one) were made of wood. The earliest records of Highlands School indicate that there were at least two different wood structures and in 1912 they housed classes for grades 1 – 6.
The brick building was started in 1913, but it was not actually finished to the point that students and teachers could move in until the year 1915. It took several more years to finish all the floors, and then as populations boomed, the school was expanded by the construction of the East Wing in 1954.

In 1912, the school educated students from grades 1 – 6, with as many as 70 students in one classroom! In 1914, the grade levels offered were expanded so that students from grades 1 – 8 could attend. In 1920, power was brought into the school. This was also the year that Highlands School took on the task of teaching young teachers in what was called a Normal School. In three years, over 1000 young adults received their papers to teach in rural areas.

From 1921 to 1926, Highlands School taught students up to grade ten. In the 1930's, because of a lot of population pressure, high school students were taught at Eastwood High School on 81 Street and 120 Avenue. (in the 1950's, they closed the high school at Eastwood and moved all the students into the brand new Eastglen High School)

In 1949 / 1950, there were 812 students in grade 1 – 9 at Highlands – and that was without the East Wing (where the office and gym are now). It was decided to add on to the school, and in 1954 the "new" wing was built with five additional classrooms, a conference room, a counseling office and a big general office. Elementary students still attended here until 1957. Bythat time, Montrose, Mount Royal, Virginia Park and Bellevue schools were available for elementary students in grades 1 – 6.

The student population at Highlands was around 600 – 700 in the 1950's and on into the 1960's when there were about 500 students each year. There has been a steady decline since then, as families aged and there were fewer school age children living in the area. Recently we have seen numbers going up in the surrounding elementary schools, and this bodes well for the future of Highlands.

To observe birthdays for Highlands, we are choosing to use the date that is inscribed above the main front door. It says the construction date was 1914. In 1989 there was a 75 years "re-union" of former Highlands Students, and there will be another big celebration as the school hits 100 years in 2014.

For almost 100 years, Highlands School has provided an excellent education for students living in northeast Edmonton, and will continue to provide Learning with Respect, Responsibility, Pride.

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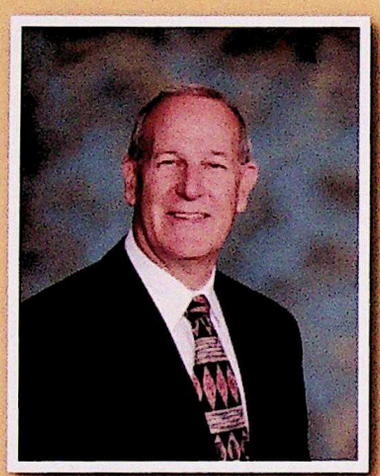
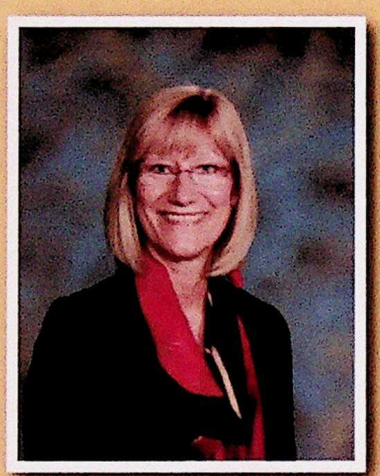


Ken LeLacheur
Principal

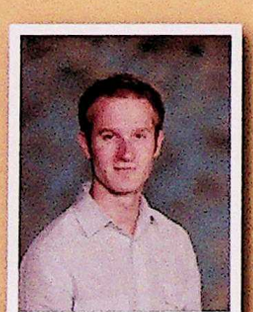


Eileen Rygus
Assistant Principal

Linda Graham
Secretary

Leslie Yankee
Administrative
Assistant

Michelle
Sabourin



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Lindskoog

Mallory
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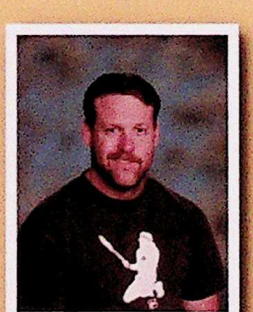

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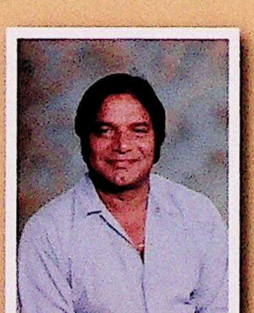
Nieman

Hayley Teague

Dahir Hassan



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Angelika
Hoffman

Sue Kopchia

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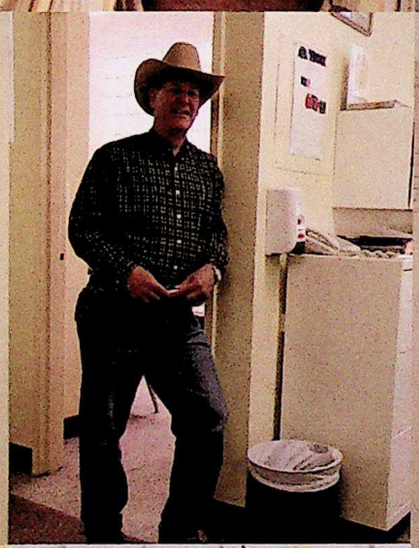

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Adrian Altmiks
Raeven Badger
Mason Baines-cook
David Blundell
Rebecca Bosse-mcdermott

Traeva Bourgeois
Elisabeth Bruno-tremblay
Cejay Cardinal-isadore
Hunter Dubie
Danusia Hallgren
Jaklyn Janson

Katrina Lathlin
Justice Leclair
Joyce Lesnik
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Robert Lyons-favel
Heaven Mccullough

Makayla Mckiel
Tical Mcleod
Roda Mohamud
Prashant Narayan
Emma Oldman
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Gage Pritchard
Phelan Quast
Jesse Roy
Moei Lah Tu Ser
Karen Spooner
Brooklynn Thomsen

Grade 7 - Cont'd

Tanisha Toth
Lucy Wu

Grade 8

Charlie Blundell
Jonathan Carter
Timothy Cheng
Owen Collins
Omar Henawi
Cynthia Hughes

Jenna Huppie
Gabrielle Ingram
Omer Jama Awil
Kaitlyn Janson
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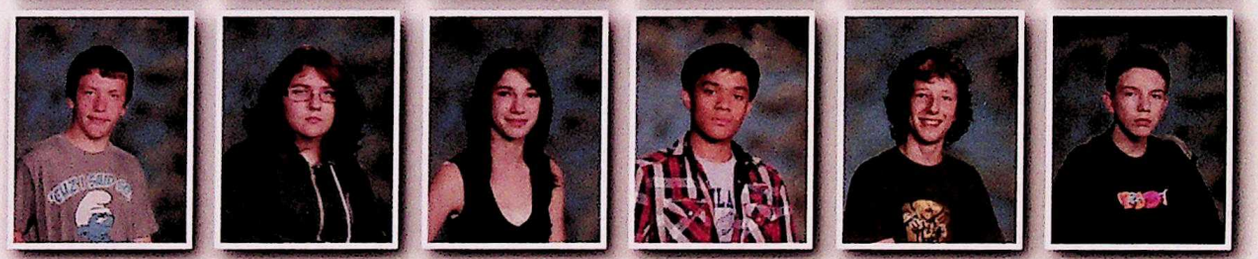

Violet Sharphead-vivier
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Dayton Sieben
Bailey Slack
Trent Slyk
Jason Stephenson

Cory Stolz
Theo Tessier

Grade 9

Edana Ahlf
Raheema Ali
Tayen Bezaire
Natia Cardinal-isadore
Taylor Charbonneau
Jeffrey Cheng

Karen Chinchilla
Yulieth Chinchilla
Colin Daly
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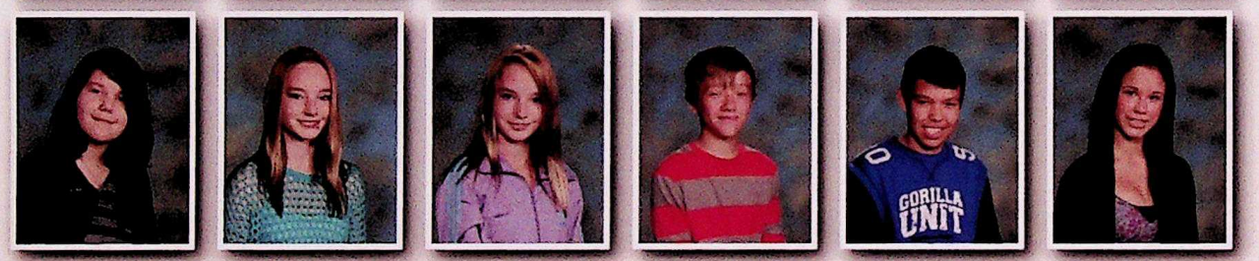

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Toni Hansen
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Tristan Harrison
Owen Hunter
Kelly Isadore

Christina Johnston
Kyle Jones
Duncan Krysko
Jessica Leach
Amber Leblanc
Cordale Ledger

Grade 9 - Cont'd

Brandon Leslie
Keegan Macgregor
Lilia Mahan
Joshua Mcginnis
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Kristian Nicolis

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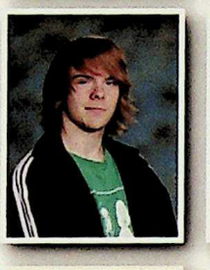

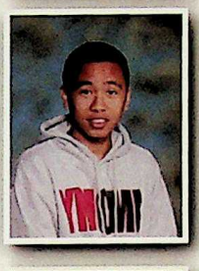
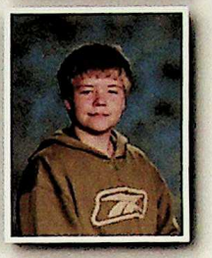

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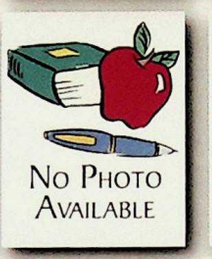
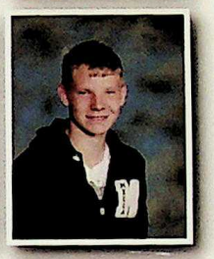
Cyle Stolz





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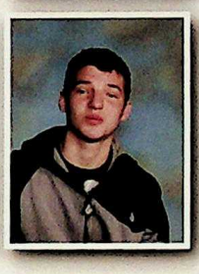

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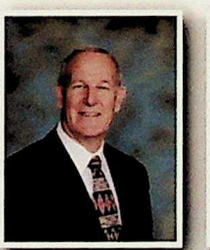
Kelly Mcclain



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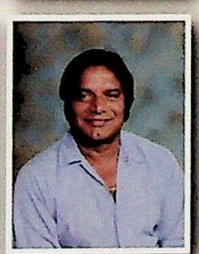

soccer
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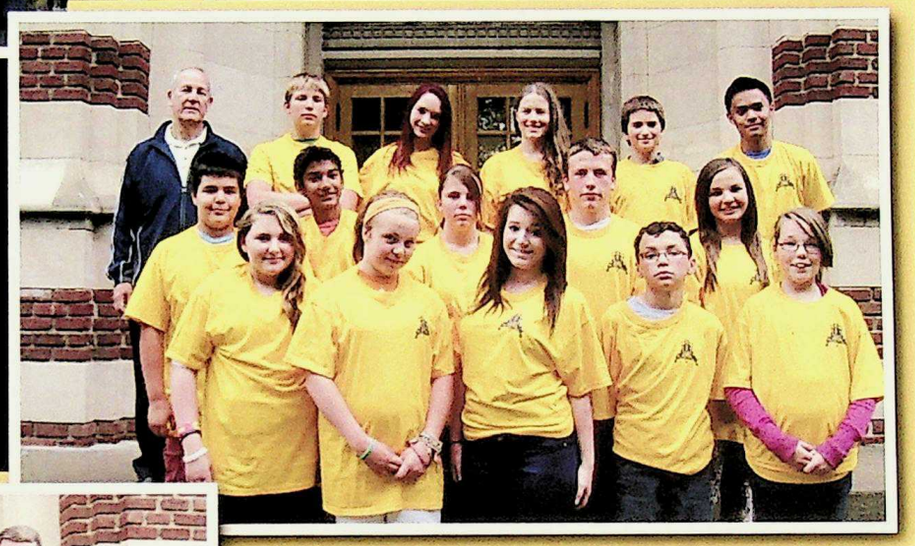

wrestling
team

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badminton
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track &
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slowpitch
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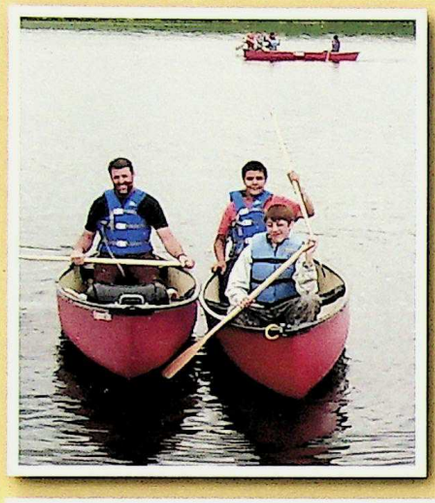
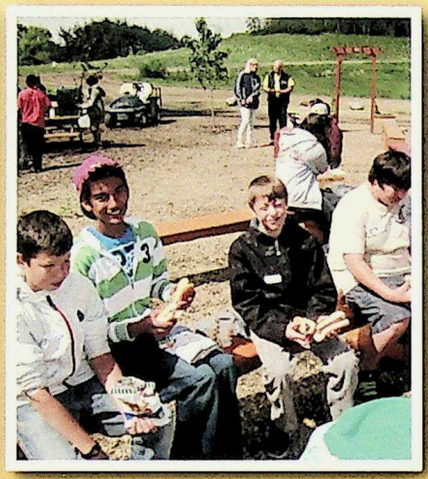
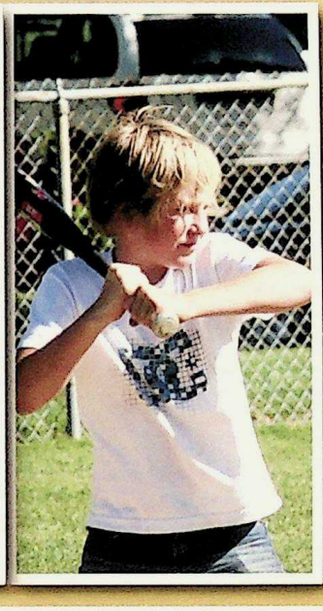
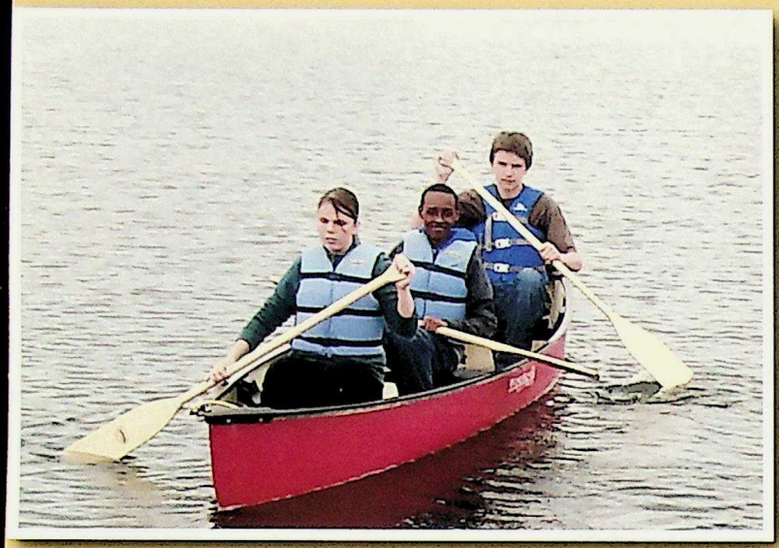
Grade Sevens









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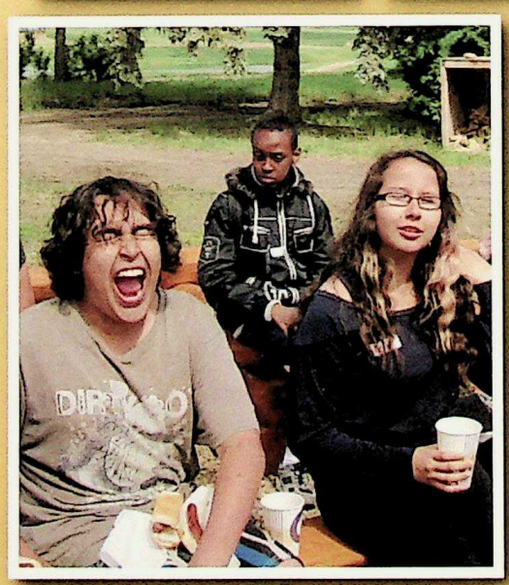

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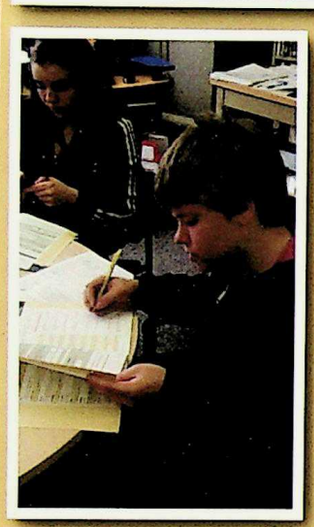

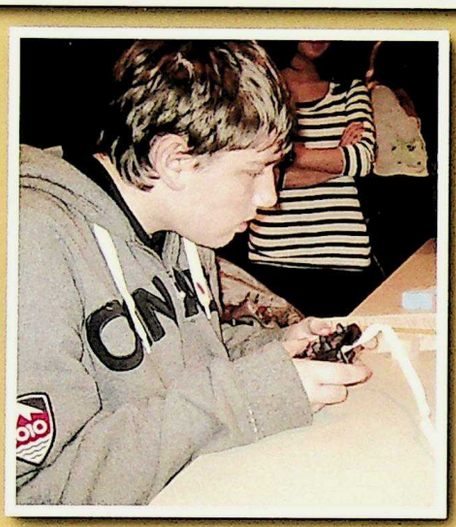

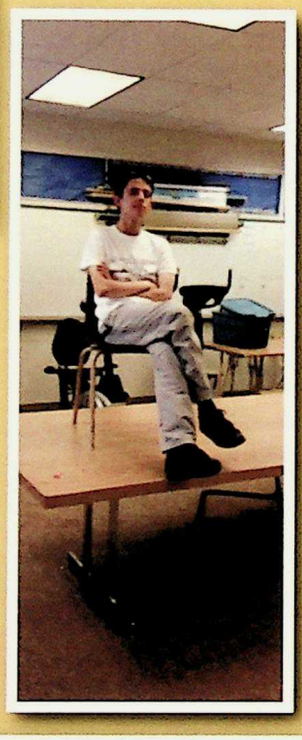

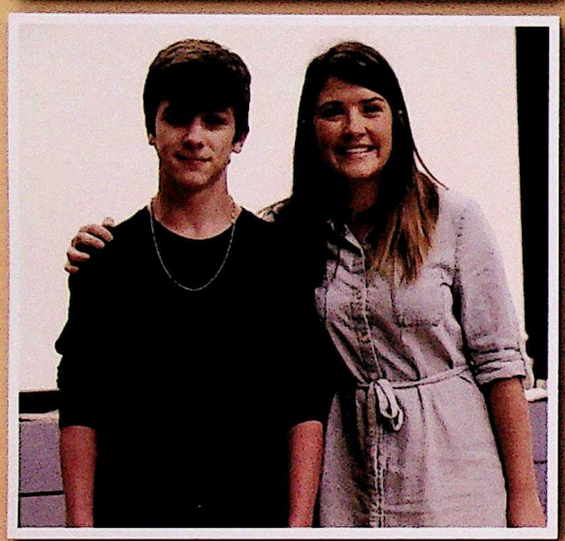

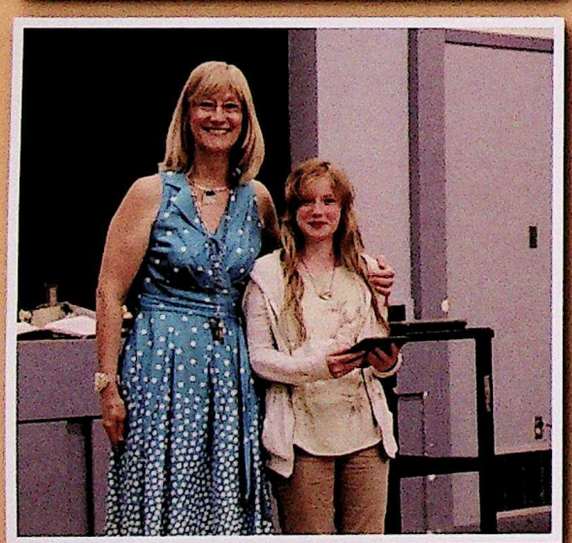

Highlands Hurricanes

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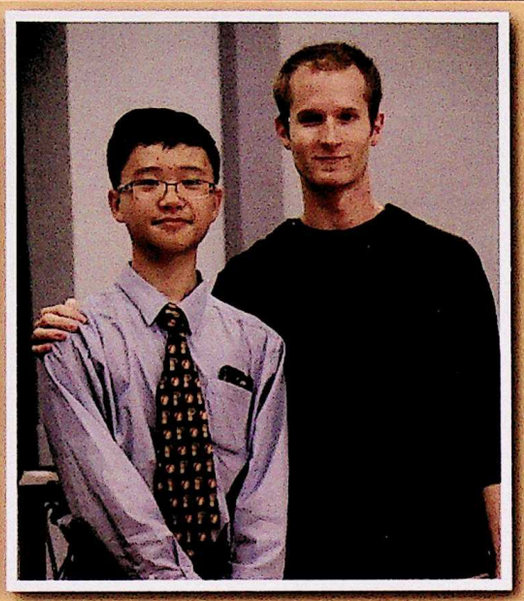

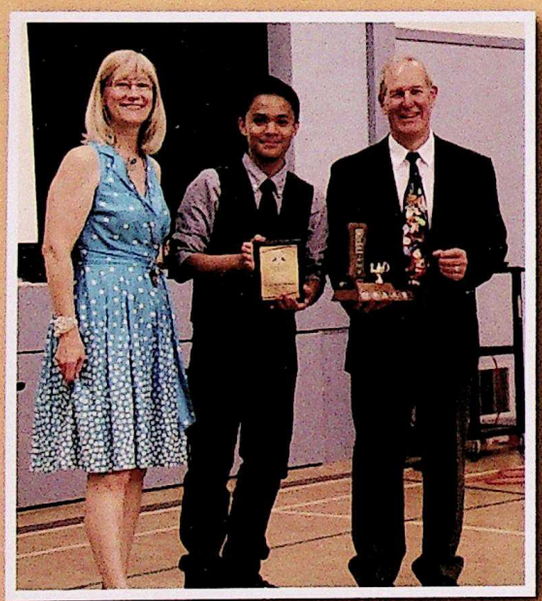

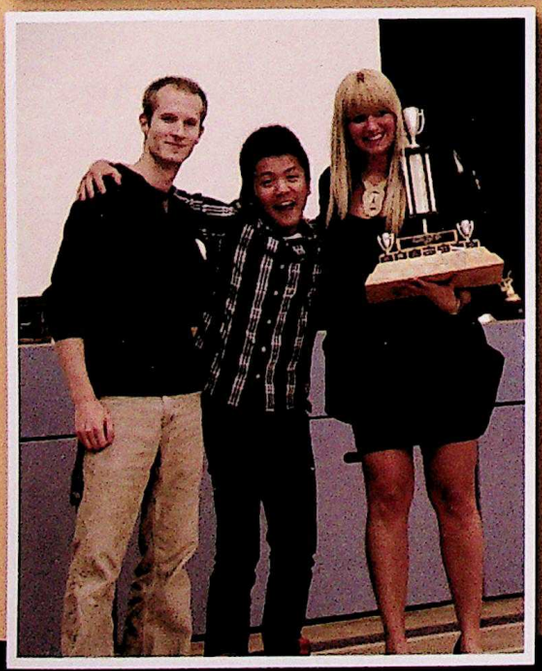

Award Winners

Jeffrey Cheng
Dan Trieu
Thach Dang
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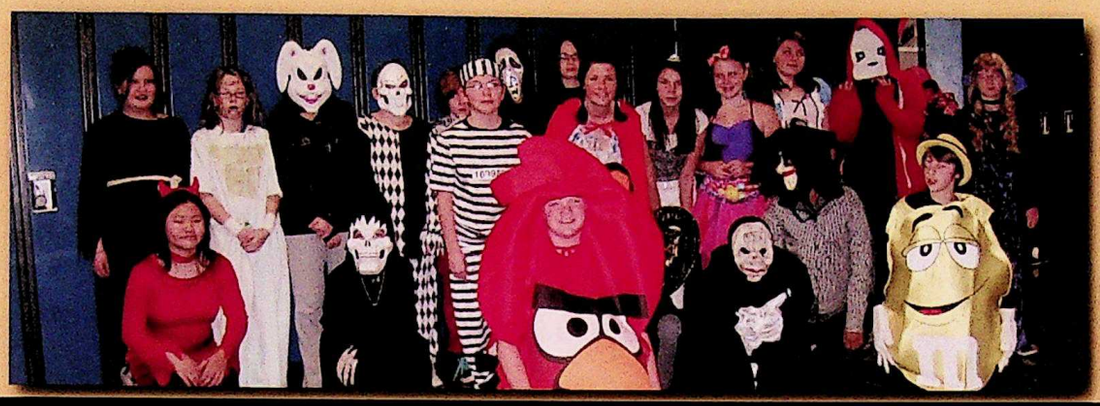
Karen Chinchilla
Duncan Krysko
Dan Trieu
Emma Oldman
Dale Ryan Ramirez
Jaklyn Janson
Phelan Quast
Joyce Lesnik
Cejay Cardinal-Isadore
Kaitlyn Janson
Josh Leslie
Krissy Sar
Cyle Stolz
Kah Nyo Tu Eh
Karla Sluchinski
Valley Stanton
Kaitlyn Janson
Yulieth Chinchilla
Raheema Ali
Brandon Leslie
Ashley Ferguson-Lafferty
Jackie McAra

HIGHLANDS *school council*

Student Council had a blast this year organizing events, spirit weeks and fundraisers. The students met every Tuesday at lunch to plan festivities throughout the year. Several spirit weeks were hosted where Highlands students got to demonstrate their school spirit by dressing up in school colors, crazy costumes and best of all their PJs. The student council team organized a food bank collection. Mr. Mclain and Ms. Sabourin's homerooms collected the most items which resulted in them each getting a pie in the face. Highlands's students also had the chance several times throughout the year to cut up the dance floor with several school dances in the gym. A huge thanks to the students that helped organize the school spirit activities and to the students of Highlands for demonstrating outstanding school spirit. Thanks to the wonderful students of Highlands School this truly was THE BEST YEAR EVER!

Ms. Nieman



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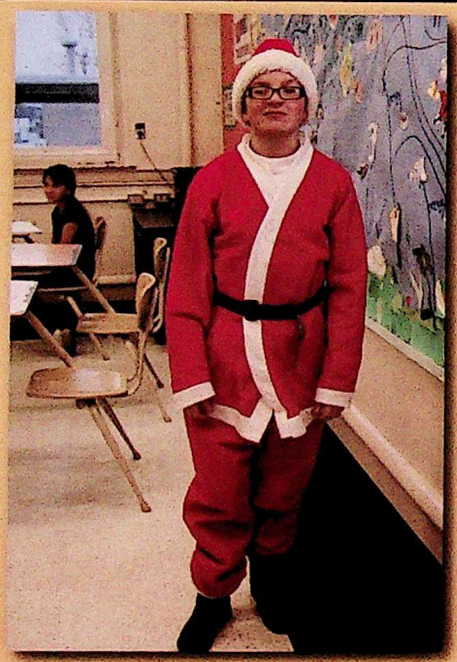

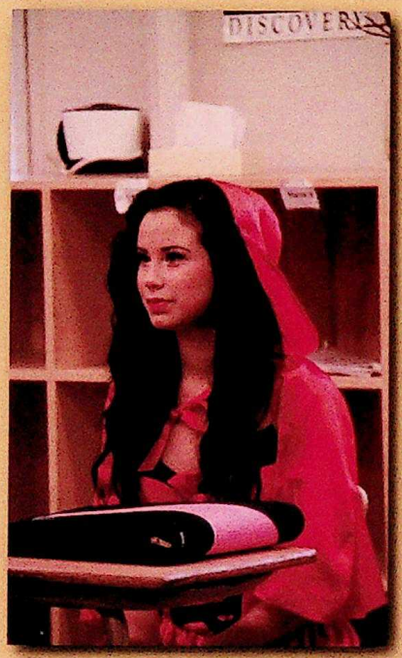

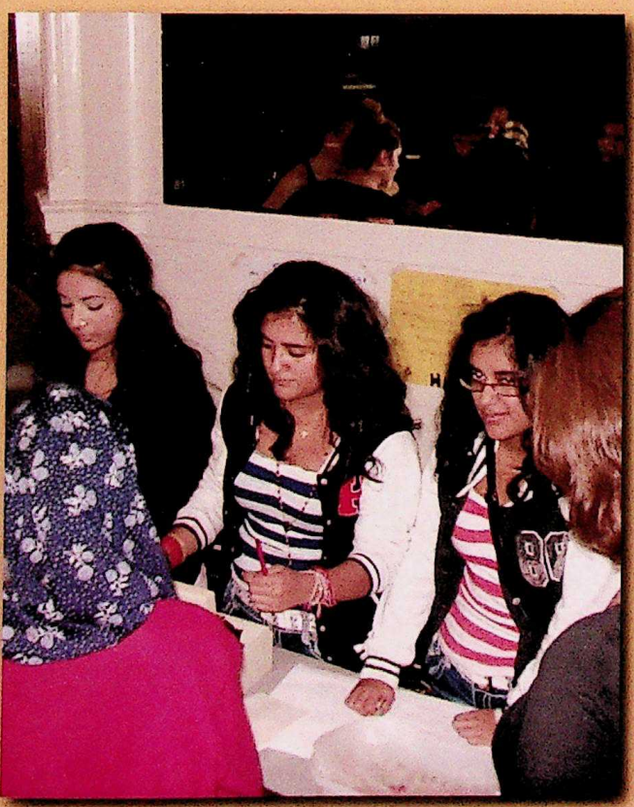

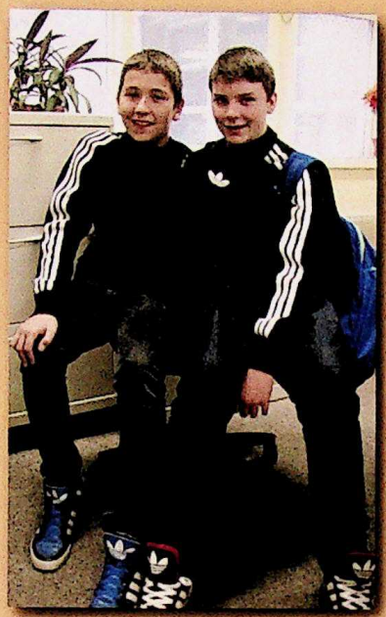

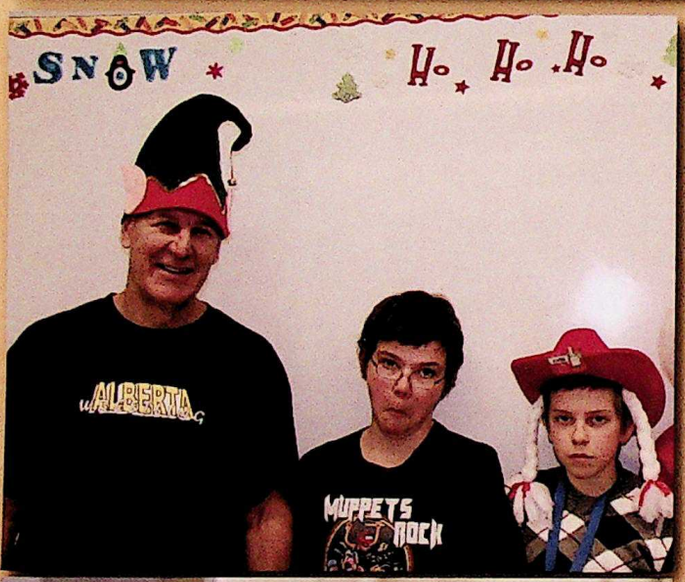

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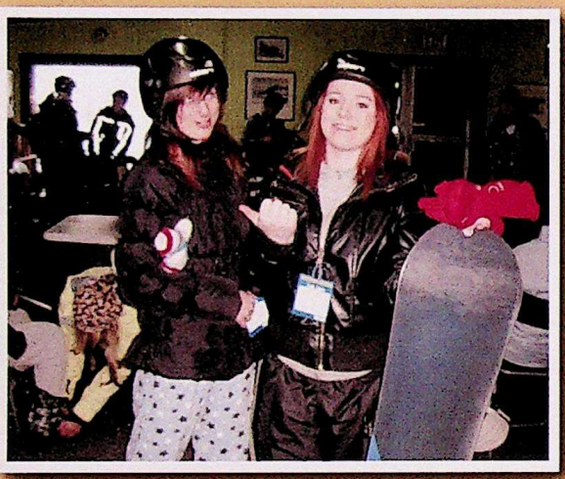
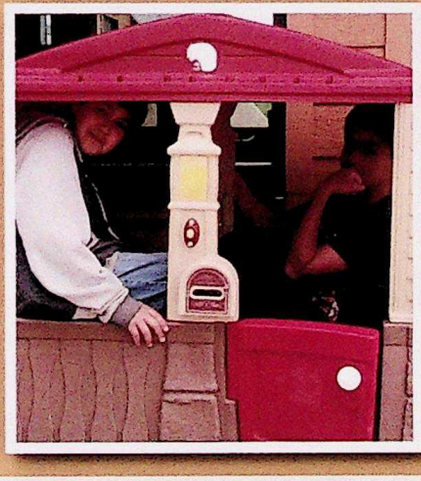
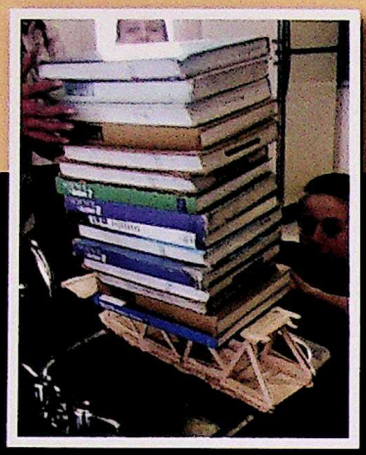
HIGHLANDS *field trips*







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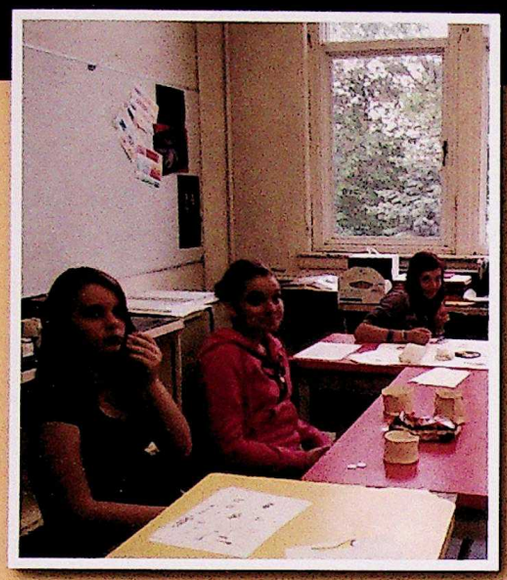

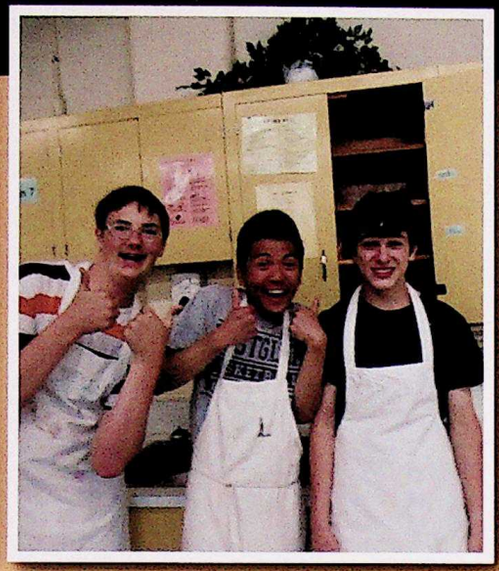

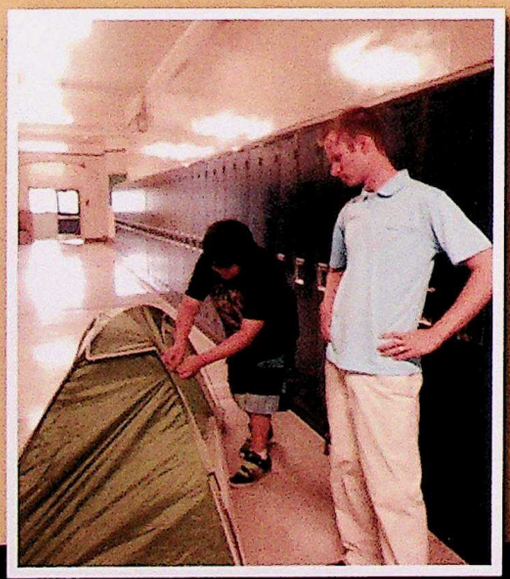

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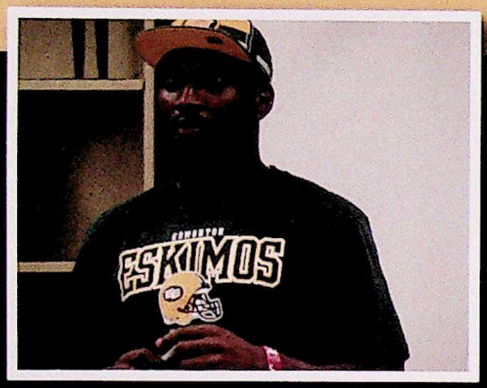
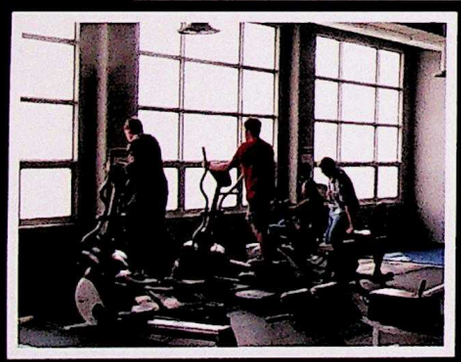
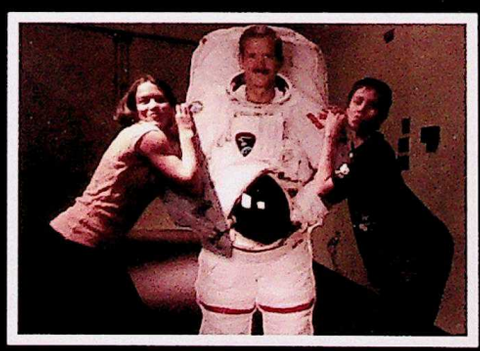
There was no shortage of special events taking place at Highlands School this year. The list ranges from special guests joining us for read in week, to our annual Christmas dinner, to the 2013 Highlands Young Reader's Conference, to a specially hosted Highlands floor hockey tournament, to a Wake-a-thon fundraiser, to boys' and girls' day conferences, to easter egg hunts in the library, and much more! We would need a whole other book to capture all the unique and special moments shared throughout the school year, but we have tried to capture a small sample of some of the fun below.







HIGHLANDS *special events*

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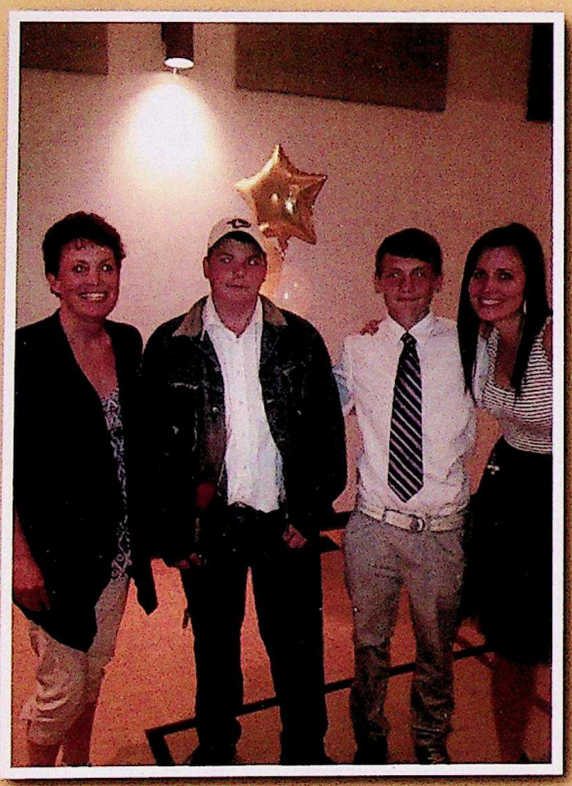

HIGHLANDS *shake*

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FM: Eating
FS: Swaggy - jb
DM: I hope we all keep our limbs
(Alex Hallgren)

Thank you to all teachers, staff and students. My favourite memory is the wake-a-thon. So ... follow me on instagram @Mark_0131
(Mark Seneta)

FS: Don't let your past steal your future
(Lindsay Flower)

My most fond memory of Highlands were the days I got to spend with all of my wonderful friends. I would like to wish all of my peers good luck in life. Never lose faith in your potential to reach success.
(Aylah Yellowbird)

Thank you Highlands for making Junior High so easy. I wish everyone the best in the future.
(Jessica Leach)

Yugio dules. Rainbow unicorns. Reach 4 the stars.
(Edana Ahlf)

My favourite memory is the good food. "I don't care".
(Kyle Jones)

Favourite quote "Do or do not. There is no try." - Yoda
(Keegan MacGregor)

Thank you everybody.
FS: #YOLOSWAG
DM: Remember, YOLO.
(Thach Dang)

Thank you all for one heck of a ride. :D
(Jacob Goertzen)

Why can't I afford animal crossing?
(Kylie Taylor)

Glad I didn't do crack. #YOLOSWAG
(Colin Daly)

Kenneth Tristan Nimchuk Harrison. PSN: Nisk Wonders. Add me.
(Tristan Harrison)

What people do for the struggle of power is madness - Tupac
(Sayde Roberge)

Don't change for anyone but yourself.
(Brittney Smith)

Life is better when you're laughing. :)
(Raheema Ali)

Always expect the unexpected.
(Ryanne Stevenson)

The only disability in life is a bad attitude.
(Yulieth Chinchilla)

Bad biscuits make the baker broke, bro. - Jake the dog
(AshleyLafferty-Fergusson)

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With great power comes great responsibility - Uncle Ben
(Ben Roehler)

I'll miss everyone. Thank you. Bye Highlands!
(Krissy Sar)

You're on the road to success, failure is only a detour. - Unknown
(Duncan Krysko)

Always be yourself - unless you can be Batman.
(Tayen Bezaire)

Let's hope I don't get beat up in high school.
(Joshua McGinnis)

DP: Good luck next year grade 7s and 8s.
(Cory Ledger)

Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression.
(Kah Nyo Tu Eh)

Rules of math: if it seems easy you're doing it wrong.
(Courtney Troke)

Started from the bottom, now we are here. Also YOLO.
(Jeffrey Cheng)

Be yourself, everyone else is taken.
(Christina Lundgren)

Hakuna matata - Timone and Pumbaa
(Cyle Stolz)

Man, those were some good tacos - Martin Luther King Jr
(Toni Hansen)

Do it now. Sometimes 'later' becomes never!
Natia Cardinal-Isadore

Thank you everyone. I have fun memories.
(Valerie Diamond)

I wanna be the best. Like no one ever was. To catch them is my real test. To train them is my cause.
(December Gagne)

Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can come together - Marilyn Monroe
(Amber LeBlanc)

Thank you for making this year somewhat enjoyable. Annnnnd bye.
(Dan Trieu)

Why am I so alone?
Immortal HD. Buy his shirts.
(Karla Sluchinski)

Everyday we wake up is another blessing. Follow your dreams and don't let anyone stop you.
(Brandon Leslie)

Some memories here. Basketball was alright at Highlands.
#Yoloswag
#KobeIsBetter
(Taylor Charbonneau)

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HIGHLANDS *the grade nines*

HIGHLANDS *signatures*

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Thank you to the staff, students, and families who make Highlands school such an enjoyable place to teach, work, and learn.

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